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Index of Livestock and Livestock Products was up 14 points (10%) from last month and was 14 points (10%) above last year. The Crop Index was down 1 point (1%) from last month and was 2 points (2%) below last year.

## U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in September by Farmers in the United States was 97 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1%) from August. Price increases from August for milk, lettuce, tomatoes, and soybeans more than offset price decreases for hogs, grapes, potatoes, and onions. Compared with September 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 2 points (2.0%) lower.

## NEBRASKA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The mid-September Index of Prices Received by Nebraska farmers, at 129% of its January-December 1977 average, was the same as August but was up 8 points (7%) from a year ago. The

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		Sept. 1998 1/	August 1999 1/	Sept. 15, 1999	Sept. 1998 1/	August 1999 1/	Sept. 15, 1999	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat .....	Bu.	\$ 2.24	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.27	\$ 2.39	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.56	26	9.76
Corn .....	Bu.	1.72	1.72	1.70	1.83	1.75	1.79	27	6.67
Oats .....	Bu.	0.99	0.93	1.00	1.07	.97	1.03	30	3.49
Grain Sorghum .....	Cwt.	2.77	2.88	2.70	2.91	2.89	2.79	27	10.50
Soybeans .....	Bu.	4.89	4.29	4.40	5.25	4.39	4.61	33	14.10
Hay, All, Baled .....	Ton	49.00	38.00	35.00	85.00	77.40	74.50	---	---
Alfalfa, Baled .....	Ton	50.00	38.00	35.00	87.10	81.50	77.30	---	---
Other, Baled .....	Ton	44.00	32.00	32.00	74.90	62.80	63.70	---	---
Dry Edible Beans .....	Cwt.	19.50	17.40	18.90	19.30	18.80	18.10	36	50.80
Hogs .....	Cwt.	32.10	38.10	33.50	29.50	36.20	32.30	31	103.00
Barrows & Gilts .....	Cwt.	32.30	38.10	33.70	30.10	36.90	32.90	---	---
Sows .....	Cwt.	19.70	25.60	24.90	18.20	23.10	22.00	---	---
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt.	58.60	65.10	66.00	56.10	63.50	63.80	42	153.00
Steers & Heifers .....	Cwt.	59.40	65.80	67.00	58.90	66.20	66.90	---	---
Cows .....	Cwt.	32.50	37.60	34.80	32.60	36.30	34.90	---	---
Calves .....	Cwt.	74.60	91.00	95.00	74.10	89.60	91.20	47	195.00
Sheep .....	Cwt.	29.40	33.00	n/a	26.80	29.80	---	---	65.60
Lambs .....	Cwt.	67.30	80.60	n/a	71.80	80.30	---	---	157.00
All Milk .....	Cwt.	16.20	12.90	15.00	16.70	15.00	15.90	51	30.70
Milk, Fluid .....	Cwt.	16.30	12.80	---	16.80	15.00	15.90	---	---
Milk, Mfg. ....	Cwt.	15.30	13.70	---	15.40	15.20	15.50	---	---

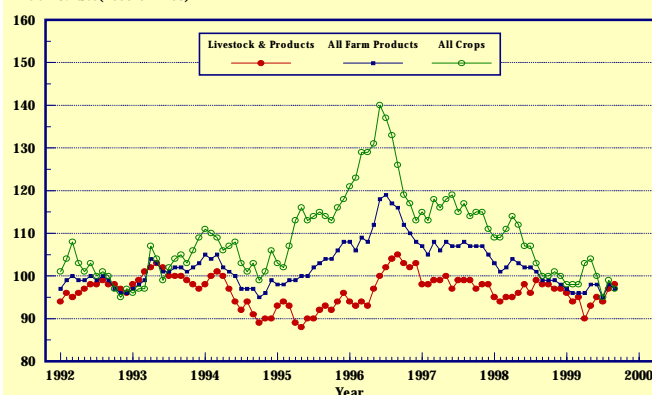
1/ Entire month average except hay. \*Parity price based on data for September 1999. n/a = not available.

## NEBRASKA PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (1977=100)

Item	Sept. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sept. 15, 1998
All Farm Products .....	121	129	129
All Crops .....	93	92	91
Food Grains .....	106	108	107
Feed Grains & Hay ...	89	88	86
Oil Bearing Crops ....	72	63	65
Miscellaneous Crops ..	138	133	137
Livestock & Products ..	139	153	153
Meat Animals .....	138	155	154
Dairy Products .....	175	140	162

## Prices Received, Major Indexes, US

Index Values(1990-92=100)



## AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 11.5 billion pounds, up 3.6% from production in these same States in August 1998. July revised production, at 11.6 billion pounds, was up 2.4% from July 1998.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,488 pounds for August, 45 pounds above August 1998.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 33,000 head more than August 1998 and 3,000 head more than July 1999.

### POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS -AUGUST

Item	1998	1999	'99% of '98
	Thousands		Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA .....	10,421	11,293	108
30 States .....	291,609	300,912	103
U.S. ....	309,251	320,024	103
Eggs Produced	Millions		Percent
NEBRASKA .....	227	239	105
30 States .....	6,318	6,540	104
U.S. ....	6,694	6,961	104
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, August			
Egg-type .....	33.4	35.5	106
Broiler .....	715.7	741.3	104
Hatched thru August			
Egg-type .....	298.8	305.6	102
Broiler .....	5,690.8	5,889.0	103
Turkeys, U.S.			
Placed (August) .....	24.5	24.8	101

## U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on August 31, 1999 were greater than the year earlier levels for butter, chicken, fruit, and pork. Stocks on August 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent Change	
		Aug '98	Jul. '99
Total red meats .....	752,496	+3%	-8%
Beef .....	292,219	-5%	Sm.-%
Pork .....	435,899	+11%	-13%
Poultry .....	1,433,667	+12%	-7%
Turkey .....	578,072	-18%	-3%
Chicken .....	850,357	+50%	-10%

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

August 1999 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. August 1999 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays. August 1998 also contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	% Change	
		August 1998	July 1999
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	659.5	+4	+4
Hogs, head . . . . .	538.9	+7	+10
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	-50	Same
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	593.9	+4	+4
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	3,152.4	+4	+2
Calves, head . . . . .	118.8	-5	+7
Hogs, head . . . . .	8,406.3	+3	+6
Sheep & Lambs, head	296.3	+8	+12
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	3,912.1	+4	+3

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

### POTATOES BY SEASONAL GROUPS, NEBRASKA & U.S., 1996-1998

SEASONAL GROUP	Area Planted			Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998
	1,000 acres			1,000 acres			Cwt.			1,000 cwt.		
SUMMER												
Nebraska .....	5.6	4.2	4.5	5.5	4.1	4.4	270	390	365	1,485	1,599	1,606
U.S. ....	76.4	67.9	73.0	73.2	65.0	68.1	262	280	278	19,176	18,171	18,933
FALL												
Nebraska .....	12.7	20.0	22.0	12.4	19.9	21.8	355	390	375	4,402	7,761	8,175
U.S. ....	1,270.4	1,210.1	1,235.1	1,248.2	1,185.1	1,214.0	364	357	356	454,388	423,190	432,737
ALL POTATOES												
Nebraska .....	18.3	24.2	26.5	17.9	24.0	26.2	329	390	373	5,887	9,360	9,781
U.S. ....	1,454.7	1,383.5	1,416.6	1,425.9	1,353.6	1,387.7	350	345	343	499,254	467,091	475,771

### POTATOES: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND VALUE, NEBRASKA & U.S., 1997-1998

FOOTNOTES: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND VALUE, NEBRASKA & U.S., 1997-1998								
Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt.	Value of	
			Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss				
1997			1,000 cwt.			Dollars	1,000 dollars	
Nebraska . . . . .	9,360	561	204	452	8,704	6.15	57,517	53,439
U.S. . . . .	467,091	29,975	5,475	32,183	429,433	5.64	2,622,621	2,421,212
1998								
Nebraska . . . . .	9,781	575	166	963	8,652	4.95	48,511	42,854
U.S. . . . .	475,771	29,516	5,766	35,454	434,551	5.56	2,633,198	2,415,756

## HOGS AND PIGS

Nebraska pork producers had an estimated 2.95 million hogs and pigs on hand September 1, 1999. This number was down 13% from a year earlier and was 17% below two years ago. Hogs and pigs kept for breeding, at 360,000, were down 14% from last year and down 17% from two years ago while market hogs were 13% below last year.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was estimated at 60.7 million head on September 1, 1999. This was 4% below September 1998 but slightly above June 1, 1999 inventories. Breeding hog inventory, at 6.29 million head, was down 8% from September 1, 1998 and down 3% from June 1, 1999. Market hog inventory was 4% below last year.

### HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY, SEPTEMBER 1; SOWS FARROWING AND PIG CROP, 1998-1999

Item	NEBRASKA			17 STATES			UNITED STATES		
	1998	1999	% Chg.	1998	1999	% Chg.	1998	1999	% Chg.
<b>On Farms - September 1:</b>									
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
All hogs and pigs .....	3,400	2,950	-13	58,750	55,900	-5	63,488	60,736	-4
For breeding .....	420	360	-14	6,200	5,650	-9	6,875	6,291	-8
Market .....	2,980	2,590	-13	52,550	50,250	-4	56,612	54,444	-4
<b>Market hogs &amp; pigs</b>									
<b>by weight groups:</b>									
Under 60 pounds .....	1,300	1,070	-18	19,515	18,665	-4	21,189	20,273	-4
60-119 pounds .....	720	600	-17	13,150	12,500	-5	14,032	13,424	-4
120-179 pounds .....	540	520	-4	10,750	10,325	-4	11,555	11,149	-4
180 pounds and over ...	420	400	-5	9,135	8,760	-4	9,837	9,599	-2
<b>Sows Farrowed:</b>									
December 1/-February ...	165	165	---	2,671	2,619	-2	2,929	2,897	-1
March-May .....	170	165	-3	2,809	2,704	-4	3,086	2,990	-3
June-August .....	170	150	-12	2,771	2,627	-5	3,054	2,925	-4
September-November ...	175	*150	-14	2,716	*2,574	-5	2,993	*2,850	-5
TOTAL .....	680	630	-7	10,967	10,524	-4	12,062	11,662	-3
<b>Pigs Saved:</b>									
December 1/-February ...	1,403	1,411	+1	23,326	22,912	-2	25,480	25,293	-1
March-May .....	1,428	1,419	-1	24,605	23,799	-3	26,989	26,301	-3
June-August .....	1,462	1,298	-11	24,226	23,328	-4	26,634	25,907	-3
September-November ...	1,488	---	---	23,548	---	---	25,902	---	---
TOTAL PIG CROP .....	5,781	---	---	95,705	---	---	105,005	---	---
Item	1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
<b>Sows Farrowed:</b>									
December 1/-February ...	165	*145	-12	2,619	*2,529	-3	2,897	*2,808	-3

1/ December preceding year. \* Intentions.

## CATTLE ON FEED

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head had 1.7 million cattle on feed on September 1, up 12% from last year and 4% above two years ago. Fed cattle marketings for the month of August totaled 390,000, up 3% from last year and 11% above two years ago. Placements of cattle into feedlots during August totaled 500,000 head. This was up 11% from last year and equal to 1997.

Cattle and calves on feed September 1, 1999, in the 7 Monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.18 million, up 5% from the previous year and 4% above September 1, 1997. Marketings during August totaled 1.73 million, 3% above 1998 but 1% below 1997. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.07 million, 17% above 1998 but 2% below 1997.

### INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

STATE	SEPTEMBER 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/			AUGUST PLACEMENTS			AUGUST MARKETINGS			AUGUST OTHER DISAPPEAR. 2/		
	1998	1999	99/98	1998	1999	99/98	1998	1999	99/98	1998	1999	99/98
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
Arizona* .....	200	200	100	19	29	153	14	22	157	1	1	100
California* ....	395	375	95	55	60	109	50	55	110	5	5	100
Colorado* .....	840	960	114	220	245	111	215	240	112	5	5	100
Idaho .....	220	285	130	51	79	155	44	58	132	2	1	50
Iowa* .....	235	300	128	39	56	144	48	45	94	1	1	100
Kansas* .....	1,950	2,080	107	480	570	119	450	460	102	10	10	100
Nebraska* ....	1,520	1,700	112	450	500	111	380	390	103	10	10	100
New Mexico ...	90	81	90	17	14	82	12	14	117	1	2	200
Oklahoma .....	380	350	92	87	98	113	76	70	92	1	3	300
So. Dakota ....	124	110	89	25	21	84	34	35	103	1	1	100
Texas* .....	2,610	2,560	98	510	610	120	530	520	98	10	10	100
Washington ...	161	215	134	45	66	147	34	49	144	0	4	0
Other Sts .....	320	310	97	65	65	100	75	73	97	5	2	40
U.S. ....	9,045	9,526	105	2,063	2,413	117	1,962	2,031	104	52	55	106

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

\* Historical 7 States.

# **SMALL GRAIN ANNUAL SUMMARY -- NEBRASKA AND THE UNITED STATES**

Classification	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
All Wheat:						
Planted . . . . . 1,000 Acres	2,000	1,900	2,000	70,412	65,821	62,988
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	1,900	1,800	1,800	62,840	59,002	54,319
Yield . . . . . Bushels	37.0	46.0	48.0	39.5	43.2	42.7
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	70,300	82,800	86,400	2,481,466	2,547,321	2,317,591
Oats:						
Planted . . . . . 1,000 Acres	160	170	135	5,068	4,892	4,670
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	90	95	75	2,813	2,755	2,465
Yield . . . . . Bushels	65.0	56.0	62.0	59.5	60.2	60.0
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	5,850	5,320	4,650	167,246	165,981	147,906
Barley:						
Planted . . . . . 1,000 Acres	10	10	5	6,706	6,337	5,223
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	9	8	3	6,198	5,864	4,778
Yield . . . . . Bushels	51.0	50.0	48.0	58.1	60.0	59.5
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	459	400	144	359,878	352,125	284,073
Rye:						
Planted . . . . . 1,000 Acres	35	30	45	1,400	1,571	1,582
Harvested . . . . . 1,000 Acres	12	12	15	316	418	383
Yield . . . . . Bushels	20.0	24.0	24.0	25.7	28.2	28.7
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	240	288	360	8,132	11,795	10,993

## **STOCKS OF GRAIN**

Grain and Position	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	Sept. 1, 1997	Sept. 1, 1998	Sept. 1, 1999	1999 1998	Sept. 1, 1997	Sept. 1, 1998	Sept. 1, 1999	1999 1998
	Thousand bushels				Thousand bushels			
	Pct.				Pct.			
Corn								
On Farms . . . . .	68,000	75,000	120,000	160	475,000	640,000	807,000	126
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	73,910	97,377	159,889	164	408,161	667,803	989,367	148
Total . . . . .	141,910	172,377	279,889	162	883,161	1,307,803	1,796,367	137
All Wheat								
On Farms . . . . .	18,000	26,000	27,000	104	794,350	885,720	903,060	102
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	49,663	68,202	75,940	111	1,281,998	1,499,770	1,556,196	104
Total . . . . .	67,663	94,202	102,940	109	2,076,648	2,385,490	2,459,256	103
Soybeans								
On Farms . . . . .	3,900	4,200	7,600	181	43,600	84,300	145,000	172
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	6,884	8,478	11,994	141	88,233	115,499	202,983	176
Total . . . . .	10,784	12,678	19,594	155	131,833	199,799	347,983	174
Sorghum								
On Farms . . . . .	4,000	2,700	4,900	181	15,487	13,700	13,800	101
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	7,047	6,941	11,582	167	31,974	35,203	51,314	146
Total . . . . .	11,047	9,641	16,482	171	47,461	48,903	65,114	133
Oats								
On Farms . . . . .	2,900	3,500	4,000	114	105,950	110,300	97,500	88
Off Farms 1/ . . . . .	2,954	*	*	---	48,972	51,515	50,982	99
Total . . . . .	5,854	*	*	---	154,922	161,815	148,482	92

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. \*Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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